

D.C. Advisory Commission on Sentencing

Description	FY 2002 Approved	FY 2003 Proposed	% Change
Operating Budget	\$637,399	\$633,421	-0.6

The mission of the D.C. Advisory Commission on Sentencing (ACS) is to promote the following policies:

Sentencing policies should be just, fair, consistent, and certain: similarly situated offenders should receive similar sentences. Sentencing policies should be truthful: the offender, victim, and the public should understand what a sentence means at the time it is imposed. Sentencing policies should make judicious use of resources: incarceration should be used for violent and repeat offenders, while intermediate sanctions should be considered for other offenders as appropriate. Sentencing policies should reflect the goals of sentencing: incapacitation of the violent or habitual offender, deterrence of the offender and others from future crime, rehabilitation and reintegration of the offender into the community following release from incarceration, and restitution to victims and the public. Sentencing policies should be supported by adequate prison, jail, and community resources.

The agency plans to fulfill its mission by achieving the following strategic result goals (as specified by the Sentencing Reform Amendment Act of 2000):

- Assess the change in sentencing outcomes, and the factors affecting sentencing outcomes, during implementation of the determinate sentencing system by November 2002 (drug crimes) and November 2003 (other felony crimes).
- Survey the various types of structured sentencing systems in use in the U.S., and rec-

ommend which system would best serve the District of Columbia, by November 2002.

- Recommend a comprehensive structured sentencing system in the District of Columbia, or, in the alternative, a detailed explanation as to why the District of Columbia does not need a structured sentencing system by November 2003.
- Establish a computer simulation model that allows the Commission to project the impact of its recommendations on the size of the District's populations of incarcerated offenders by November 2003.

Did you know...

Agency Website	www.dcacs.com
Commission Members	17
Voting Members	13

Where the Money Comes From

Table FZ0-1 shows the source(s) of funding for the D.C. Advisory Commission on Sentencing.

Table FZ0-1

FY 2003 Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change From FY 2002
Local	100	392	637	633	-4
Gross Funds	100	392	637	633	-4

How the Money is Allocated

Tables FZ0-2 and 3 show the FY 2003 proposed budget and FTEs for the agency at the Comptroller Source Group level (Object Class level).

Table FZ0-2

FY 2003 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change from FY 2002
Regular Pay - Cont Full Time	0	192	297	373	76
Regular Pay - Other	0	0	0	0	0
Additional Gross Pay	0	3	5	0	-5
Fringe Benefits - Curr Personnel	0	34	51	56	5
<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>353</i>	<i>428</i>	<i>75</i>
Supplies and Materials	0	1	15	15	0
Energy, Comm. and Bldg Rentals	0	52	123	113	-10
Other Services and Charges	0	15	50	35	-15
Contractual Services - Other	0	80	80	42	-38
Subsidies and Transfers	100	0	0	0	0
Equipment & Equipment Rental	0	16	16	0	-16
<i>Non-personal Services</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>284</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>-79</i>
Total Proposed Operating Budget	100	392	637	633	-4

Table FZ0-3

FY 2003 Full-Time Equivalent Employment Levels

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change from FY 2002
Continuing full time	0	3	6	6	0
Total FTEs	0	3	6	6	0

Local Funds

The proposed Local budget is \$633,421, a decrease of \$3,978 or 0.6 percent, from the FY 2002 approved budget of \$637,399.

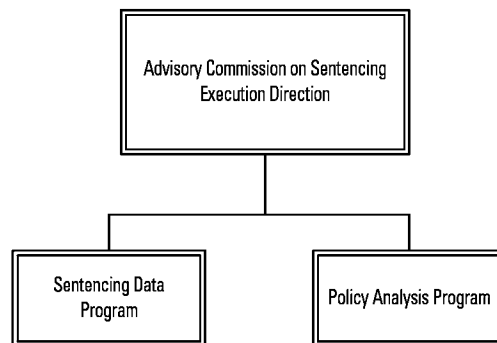
There are 6 FTEs funded by Local sources, which represents no change from FY 2002.

Significant changes are:

- An increase of \$75,486 in personal services due to the payraise approved in FY 2002 as well as promotions within the agency.
- A decrease of \$79,464 in nonpersonal services due mainly to the completion of several grant-related projects in FY 2002.

Figure FZ0-1

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Programs

The funding goes to support the ACS's programs. The programmatic chart illustrates the number of programs that the ACS provides and how they are related. The ACS operates the following programs:

The Sentencing Data Program

This program includes analysis of automated sentencing data, collection and coding of other sentencing records for automation, and assessment of sentencing practice in the District of Columbia.

The Policy Analysis Program

This program includes research on nationwide sentencing practice and recommendations for best practices in the District of Columbia.

The Commission's voting members represent the following agencies:

- Superior Court of the District of Columbia
- The Council of the District of Columbia
- The United States Attorney for the District of Columbia

- The Public Defender Service
- The Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia
- The District of Columbia Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
- The District of Columbia Bar
- The academic community
- The District of Columbia citizens who are not attorneys.

The non-voting members represent:

- The District of Columbia Department of Corrections
- The Metropolitan Police Department
- The United States Bureau of Prisons
- The United States Parole Commission.

Agency Goals and Performance Measures

Goal 1: Report on sentences imposed under the indeterminate sentencing system for the period 1996-2000.

Citywide Strategic Priority Area: Enhancing

Unity of Purpose and Democracy

Manager: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Supervisor: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Measure 1.1: Percentage of felony sentencing tables distributed to all judges, active criminal attorneys, and interested individuals, to clarify the District's past sentencing practice

	2000	Fiscal Year			
		2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	95	100	100	100
Actual	N/A	85	-	-	-

Goal 2: Collect data from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on the length of and reasons for each sentence imposed for crimes committed on or after August 5, 2000.

Citywide Strategic Priority Areas: Making

Government Work; Enhancing Unity of Purpose and Democracy

Manager: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Supervisor: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Measure 2.1: Stratified sample size of supplemental cases collected with CSOSA and Superior Court

	2000	Fiscal Year			
		2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	400	400	1200	1200
Actual	N/A	5756	-	-	-

Note: The Commission has collected data on all cases from 1999 and 2000 via automated files. FY 2004 target changed from 2000 to 1200 due to the fact that the 1200 projection is only 1200 felony cases in Superior Court and 2000 is well above the number expected.

Goal 3: Within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year, submit to the Council an annual report detailing actions taken to date.

Citywide Strategic Priority Areas: Making

Government Work; Enhancing Unity of Purpose and Democracy

Manager: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

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Measure 3.1: Days it takes to submit the annual report to Council

	2000	Fiscal Year			
		2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	N/A	60	60	60
Actual	N/A	N/A	-	-	-

Note: Report requirement began November 2000.

Measure 3.2: Percentage of requests for copies of the annual report fulfilled, either through the commission's Web site or by mailing hard copies

	2000	Fiscal Year			
		2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	100	100	100	100
Actual	N/A	100	-	-	-

Goal 4: Project the impact, if any, on the number of incarcerated offenders and offenders on supervised release if commission recommendations are implemented.

Citywide Strategic Priority Area: Strengthening

Children, Youth, Families and Individuals

Manager: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Supervisor: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Measure 4.1: Number of projection models developed in preparation for fiscal year recommendations

	2000	Fiscal Year			
		2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	1	1	1	1
Actual	N/A	0	-	-	-

Measure 4.2: Percentage of all recommendations accompanied by estimated population changes (if appropriate)

	2000	Fiscal Year			
		2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	N/A	100	100	100
Actual	N/A	N/A	-	-	-